

in preparation for the annual Christmas pageant. March organizers were thrown into a panic, but the Park Service relented at the last minute and took down the barricades.

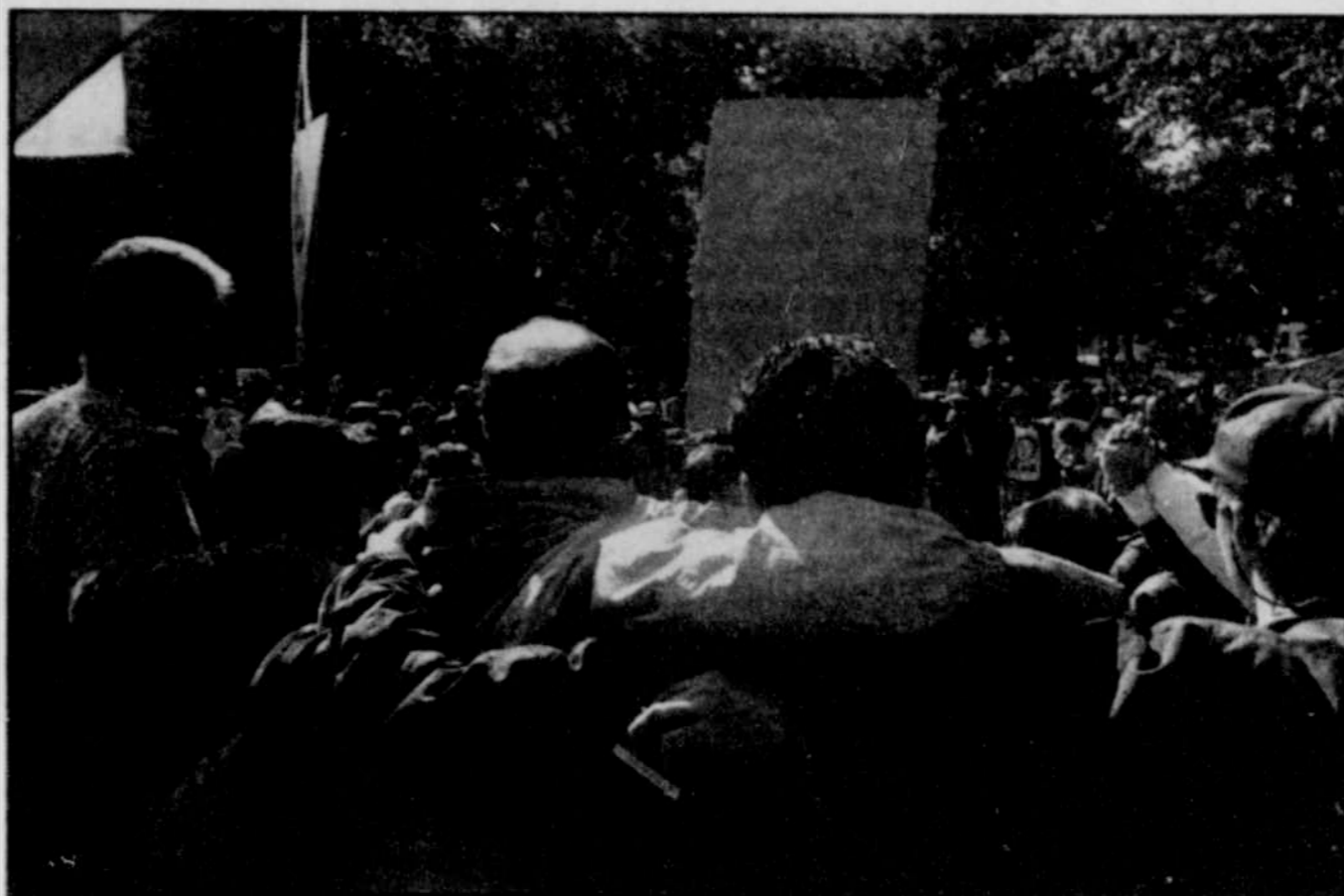
Jaime Rodriguez, a member of the march's executive committee, said that inquiries about this year's march increased dramatically after President Clinton announced his plan to lift the ban on gay men and lesbians serving in the military. "People who were complacent were galvanized into confirming their plans," he said. Bill Hileman, one of the national steering committee's co-chairs, reported that during the first week in February, about 1,100 names were added to the March on Washington mailing list, almost double the number of the week before.

The number of events related to the march has grown from around 70 that took place during the 1987 march to over 125 scheduled for the 1993 march. At least 50 more events have not yet been added to the official list.

Leading the march will be vehicles carrying people with AIDS, and others who cannot walk the route, followed closely by elder lesbians, bisexuals and gay men, signifying their seniority for civil rights. Next in line will be people with AIDS and HIV who are able to walk, followed by: gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered parents, teenagers, veterans; people of color; disabled and hearing-impaired gays; members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; Lesbian and Gay Bands of America; and International Queers. Colorado and Oregon will have the first two state contingents in line, representing their vanguard position in the fight against the far right's attempts to deny gays and lesbians their civil rights.

Approximately 50 M.O.W. information centers will be set up in store fronts and booths around the city over the weekend to disseminate information about the march, rallies, and related events. Volunteers are still needed to serve as certified interpreters, security monitor and technical people. Qualified individuals should contact Michelle Crone (202) 628-0493 or Robin Tyler (818) 893-4075.

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INFORMATION PLEASE !!

Region One (Pacific Northwest and Pacific Islands)—for literature, or to set up an information table—(206) 292-1444; in Portland, contact Bob, 625-5795.
Housing/Accommodations—Starlight Holidays, (800) 343-9994. Check with Deb Reyes at the national office (202) 628-0493 if you're interested in community housing.
Names Project Information Line—(415) 403-3627.
Lobbying specifically for West Coast states—Adrian Blum, Mobilization Against AIDS, (800) 245-6229.
Prison Proxy Project—sponsored by the League of Lesbian and Gay Prisoners. Call Darrell Taylor, (206) 938-8608.
Direct Action Demonstrations—contact Aleksandra, (206) 726-1915 or Michael, (206) 720-6963, both in Seattle.
Child care—call national office by March 25, (202) 628-0493.
M.O.W. Hearing-impaired line—TTY (800) 438-9506.
Lavender Labor Movement—(617) 426-0410.
People of Color Committee—contact Kay Tuckey, (916) 381-0570.
Bisexuals' information—contact Loraine Hutchins, (202) 736-1755.
ACT UP/D.C.—contact Bryan Barr, (202) 667-8193, or Sean Bugg (202) 328-2437.

A SAMPLING OF EVENTS

There are hundreds of March-related events. Here are just a few:

Lobby Days—coordinated by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Briefing on April 21, with congressional office visits scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 22-23, and Monday and Tuesday, April 26-27.

Letter Lobbying—NGLTF will sponsor a letter-writing campaign for those who can only stay in town for the weekend.

Lesbian Action Breakfast—NGLTF'S regular monthly Lesbian Action Breakfast will be expanded to welcome out-of-town guests. Friday, April 23, at 8 am, at NGLTF offices.

Names Project Interactive Quilt Display—Saturday morning, April 24, volunteers will unfold "signature squares" from previous quilt displays, and march participants will be invited to bring newly-made panels to be incorporated into the quilt.

NGLTF Open House—Friday, April 23, 11 am-4 pm, NGLTF offices.

Hands Around the Capitol—ACTUP/D.C.-sponsored massive political demonstration. Participants will link hands around the Capitol to call for additional funding for AIDS research and care. Noon Saturday, April 24, at the Capitol.

Harmonic Convergence—A Gay and Lesbian Choral Mini-Festival—Saturday, 2pm and 8pm, at Lisner Auditorium.

Asian and Pacific Islander Dinner and Social—Saturday at Tony Chang's Restaurant, 619 H Street, \$45 at the door. Call Gil Anrellano (301) 345-1230.

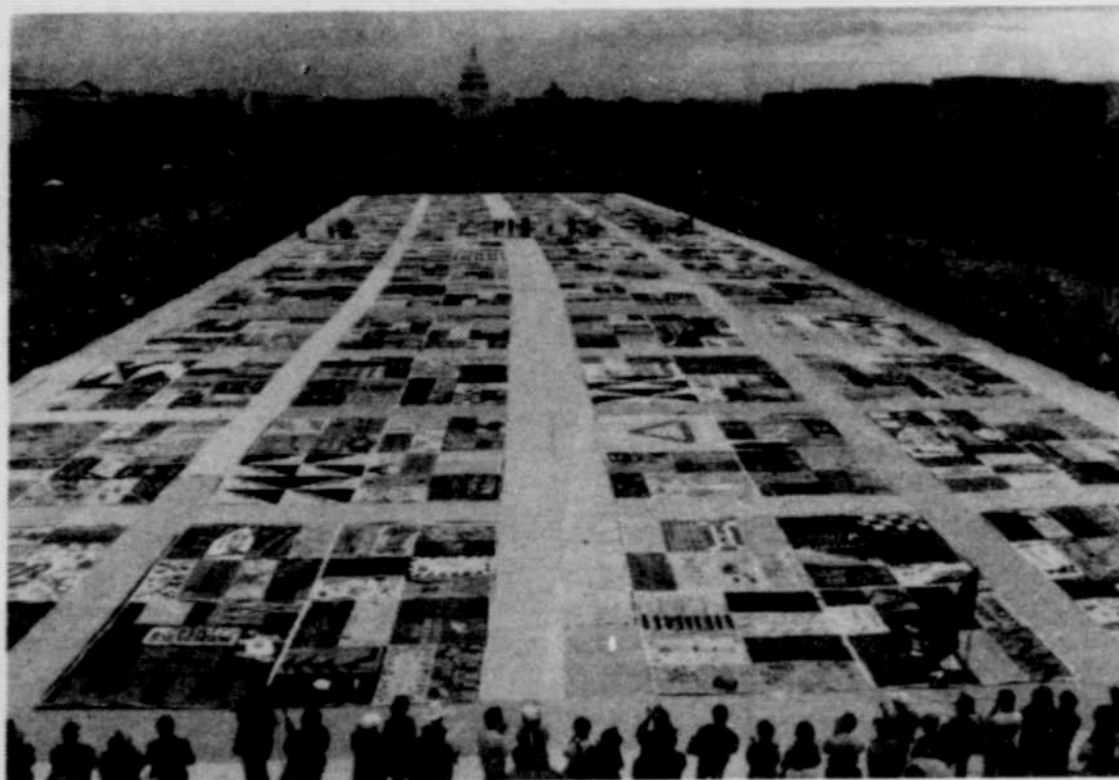
Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Conference and Workshops—Saturday. Contact Jules Nelson (301) 270-5484 voice and TTY or Kent Babson (301) 649-4332 TTY.

Transgender National Meeting—Saturday. Contact Princess (206) 329-9474.

NGLTF MAKES PLANS FOR MARCH ON WASHINGTON

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has issued an urgent request that participants in the 1993 March on Washington not end their march at the Capitol door—but go in and demand that members of Congress assure the civil rights of gays and lesbians. April 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27 have been declared National Lobby Days by the 1993 March on Washington. NGLTF will be offering continuous training sessions—general and issue-specific, Capitol Hill orientation and guides and debriefing sessions. Grass-roots queer lobbyists can make information they gather during their visits available to professional and citizen lobbyists working for gay and lesbian rights and issues at home.

NGLTF is also seeking volunteers with lobbying and organizing experience to fill coordinator positions, contact potential citizen lobbyists and help with training and debriefing. Special programs are planned for people of color, for persons with AIDS and on arts and censorship. NGLTF will host a town meeting, "Fight the Right," on Saturday, April 24, 4-7 pm, at the Washington Hilton Ballroom. On the lighter side, hot and dirty dancing: "Gay Rites," 9 pm-3 am Saturday, April 24, at the Hilton Ballroom (\$30); concert: Romanovsky and Phillips, Margie Adam and Karen Williams, 8 pm, April 24, University of D.C. auditorium (\$18); and "Freedom Rings" dance: 9 pm-2 am, Sunday, April 25, at the Hilton



Ballroom (\$25). For more information, contact NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-4309, or phone (202) 332-6483.

SPECIAL QUILT DISPLAY PLANNED

The Names Project has announced a special display featuring panels received during the weekend of the March on Washington to commemorate those who have died of AIDS, and to motivate those who continue to fight the epi-

dem. Over 2,000 new panels are expected to cover the Washington Mall between 13th and 14th streets in front of the National Museum of American History.

This display will repeat the size and shape of the quilt's debut at the 1987 March on Washington, but it won't be exactly the same. Visitors to previous quilt displays left notes to those they lost on panels of cloth.

On April 24, volunteers will unfold 240 of those panels. The new panels will gradually be added during the weekend.

"Nearly everyone going to the march has watched friends suffer through a losing battle with AIDS," said Names Project Co-founder Mike Smith. "Many of us had planned to attend the march with a lover or friend who didn't live long enough to see it. This display is a way for us to include those lost friends in an historic event, the largest gathering of lesbian and gay people ever." For more details call (415) 403-3627.

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BI EVENTS PLANNED FOR DC MARCH

While in Washington, D.C. for the march, bisexual activists and allies can check in with peers nationally. BiNet USA, a national political and educational group, will have its annual meeting on Friday, April 23. The National Conference on Bisexuality is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. The march itself is on April 25.

The conference is a joint effort of BiNet USA, East Coast Bisexual Network, Inc. and the Alliance of Multicultural Bisexuals. All three groups are based on the east coast. Proceeds from the events, including a dance on April 24, will provide the seed money for the International Conference on Bisexuality in New York City. That event will be part of Stonewall 25: International March on the United Nations scheduled for June 1994.

According to organizers, the bisexual events at the march are a learning opportunity for everyone "from non-bis, through those just coming out as bi, to long-time bi activists." The national conference will provide workshops and networking opportunities.

A local planning meeting sponsored by March on Washington-Portland and BiNet-Oregon is scheduled for April 2. For more information, call 236-3229.

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